# Quality Review Board - Base/Core I&A

#### Part 2 - Product Health, Base/Core I&A

Base Instruments and Accessories through Q4 2018

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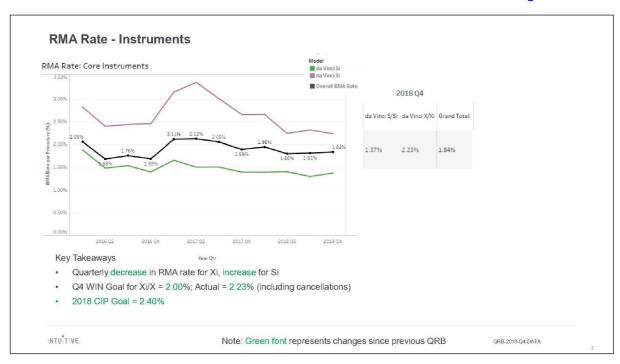
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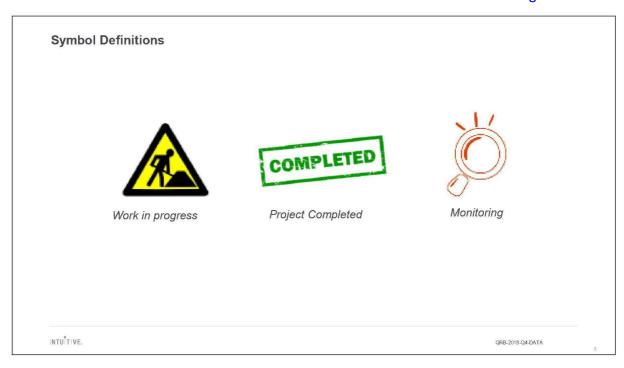
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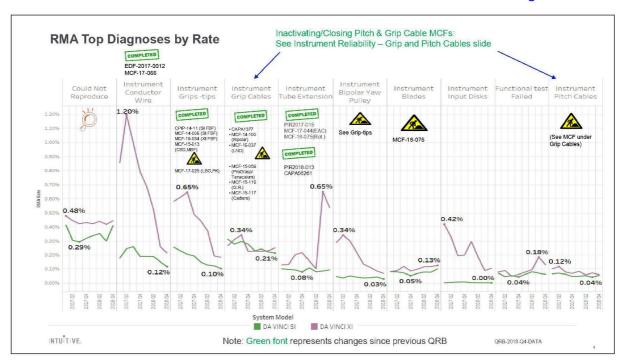
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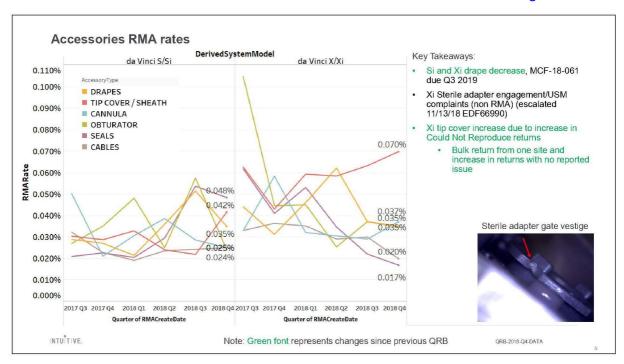
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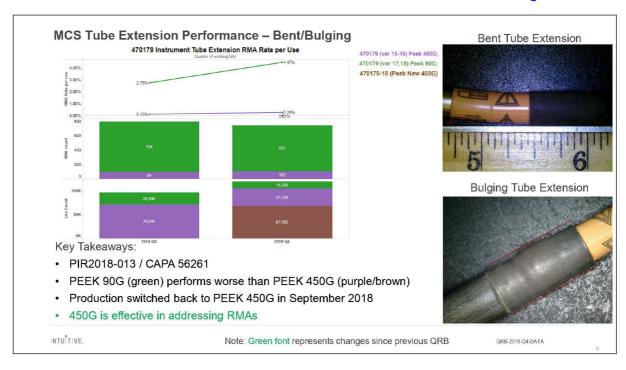




CNR – Si – increase due to cannot verify external event 404 total (+150 from last quarter)(27 more cutting, 32 more grip failure, 15 more non-intuitive, 31 more recognition, 16 more cable damage, 10 more physical damage) and expected condition 84 total (+50 from last quarter)(41 new input discs from 26 sites)(28 condensation on suction/irrigators from 4 sites)



Increase in Xi tip cover due to bulk return (24) from Sahlgrenska Universityhospital; 72 of the 96 total were CNR For Si Seals, two sites had 6 returns each. One was mostly physical damage, the other was due to a white substance on the duckbill. FTIR results were not conclusive but pointed to it being talc or polymide resin



## Diagnosis: Instrument Input Disks - Broken (IS4000)

#### Key Takeaways:

- New material for Xi Input Disks: PEEK (MCF-16-045/ EDF-2017-0015):
  - Passed Chem. Test
  - No failure when exposed to Prolystica, Mediclean Forte, and MediKlar rinse aid (25 cycles)

#### Status:

- Expanded project scope to include the following (MCF-18-076, due Q3 2019)
  - Comprehensive over-molded PEEK 450G qualification (PPQP testing)
  - Add clamping pulley changes to scope to address cracking observed in the field
  - Tooling complete at ChemTech





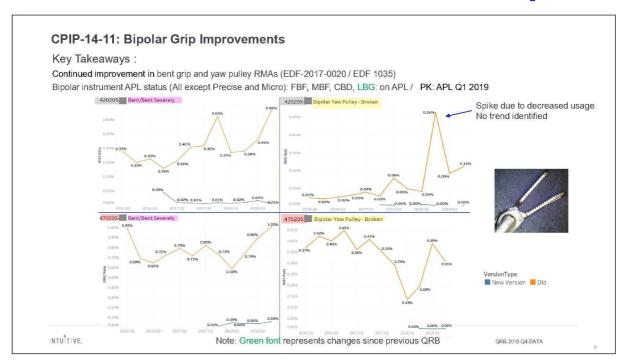
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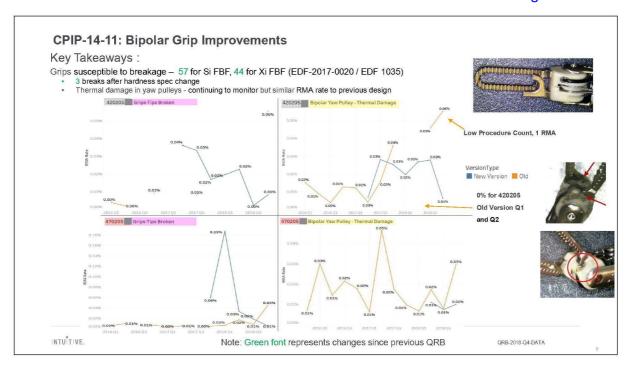
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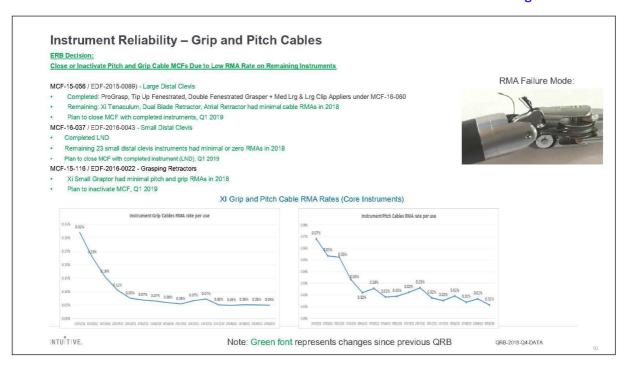
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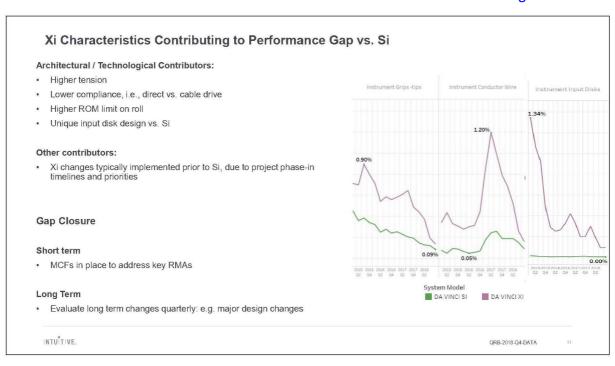
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### Xi Characteristics Contributing to Performance Gap vs. Si - Further Explanation

#### Architectural / Technological Contributors:

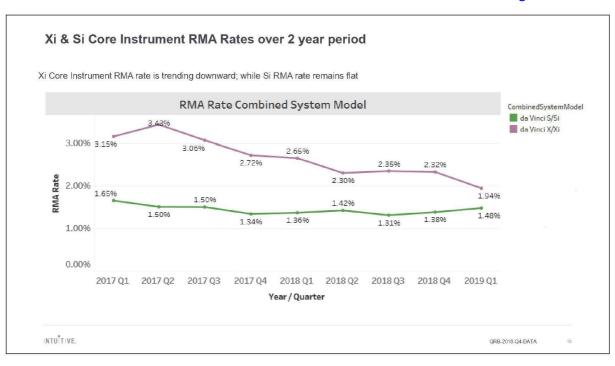
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  - Varies per instrument, but the cable pre-tensions (applied at manufacturing) are typically higher on Xi to compensate for the
    additional cable efretch due to longer cables; and in some cases Xi torque limits are set higher to compensate for additional
    friction losses (from waterfall bend in backend)
- · Lower compliance, i.e., directivs, cable drive
  - The input disks on the Silarm are driven via cables, which add some compilance when backdriving; on XI the input disks are
    driven by "direct" coupling to motors. We believe this results in higher likelihood of instruments absorbing impact loads.
- · Higher ROM limit on roll
  - Varies per instrument, but typical Scroil ROM +/-255 vs Xi roll ROM +/- 270 or +/- 310
  - Increased roil → increased hypotube wind-up → increased cable stretch & friction
- Unique input disk design vs. Si
  - Si inputs supported by bearings at top & bottom; Xi inputs are somewhat cartillevered on top; Xi input design has more
    plastic-insert interface.

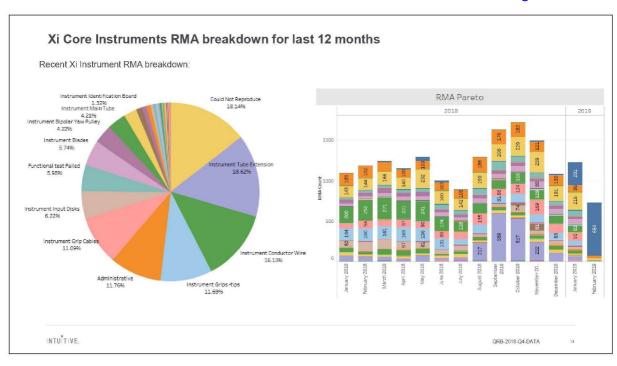
#### Other contributors:

- Xi changes typically implemented prior to Si, due to project phase-in fimelines and phorifies
  - Examples: Bipolar conductor wire melt seal redesign & MCS PEEK 90G extension tube deployment

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### Ongoing Xi Core Instrument Reliability Improvement projects

## Active MCF Projects:

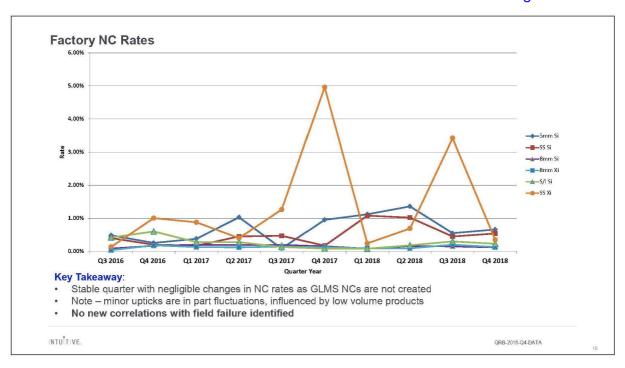
- MCF-16-035 MND Grip Cables
  - Incorporating the proven MSCND wrist/grip design
- MCF-18-076 Input Disks
  - · Material change from Ultern to PEEK
- · MCF-15-117 MIM Cadiere Grips
  - · (Cost project, but also includes cable improvements)
- · MCF-17-055 MIM Tip Up Fenestrated Grasper
  - (Cost project, but also includes cable improvements)

#### Active Investigations (pre-MCF):

- MCS 1.5
  - · Cutting Performance & Reliability Improvement
- · Investigate "Could Not Reproduce" and "NTF" RMA's
  - · Soon to be largest contributing RMA Diagnosis Code

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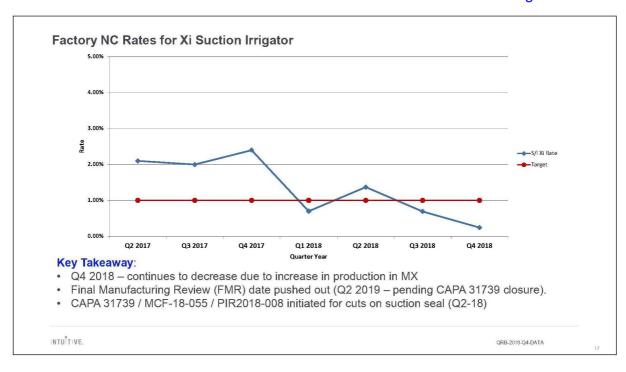
Q4'17 Xi SS spike was due to MX line validation

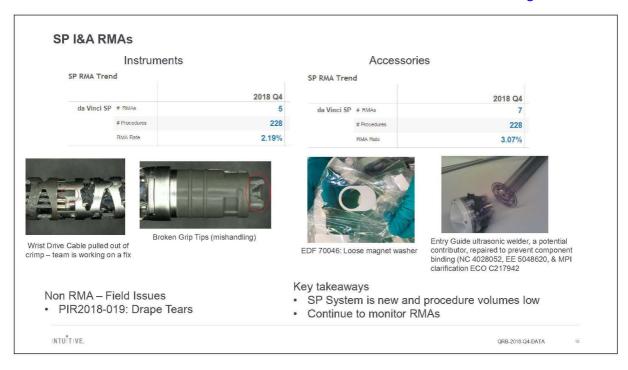
GLMS Discrepancies are being addressed thru DNs. NCs will now only be created for damaged labels, etc. They were previously made for incorrect values entered or excess prints.

8mmSi & 8mmXi: GLMS discrepancies and Xi/Si MCS main tube 90G PEEK bending

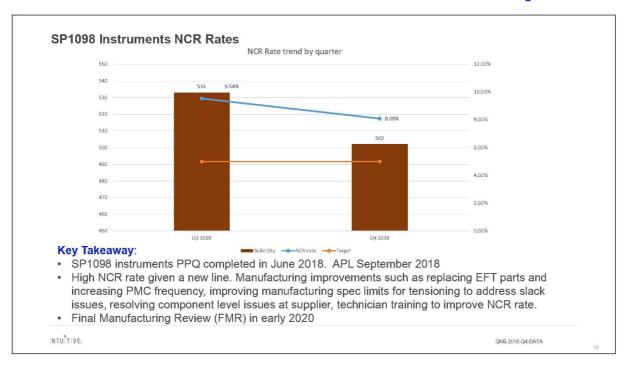
S/I Si: Increase in damaged boxes and FQI excess lubricant inside tube

Note - Upticks are in part fluctuations, influenced by low volume products





Entry Guide ultrasonic welder, a potential contributor, repaired to prevent component binding (NC 4028052, 9/28/18, EE 5048620, 10-1-18 & MPI clarification ECO C217942, 11/21/18)



#### Summary

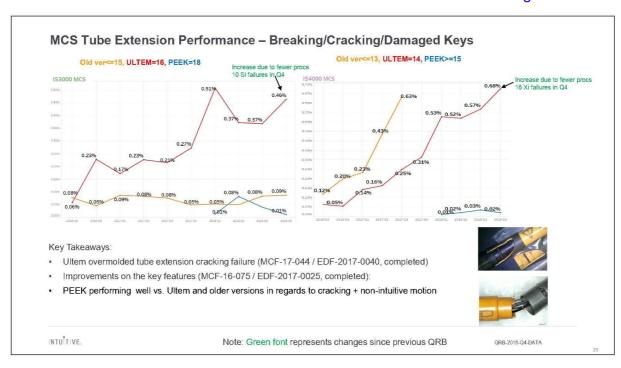
- Q4 2018 RMA rate is stable
- Increase in Could Not Reproduce, especially for Si, but with no particular attributable cause
- · All other top diagnoses are relatively stable or decreasing
- Projects completed or in place to address top issues with further improvement expected as rollout continues
  - Bent, bent severely, and broken grips
  - Input Disks
  - MCS Tube Extension Bending/Bulging
  - · Grip and Pitch Cables
    - expect closure given reduced/ negligible RMA rate
    - justification will accompany the applicable ECOs
- No new Items to escalate

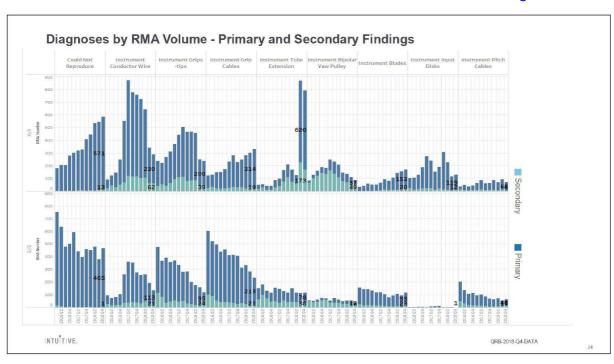
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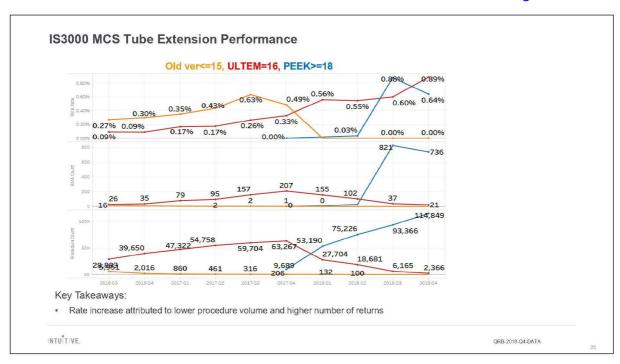
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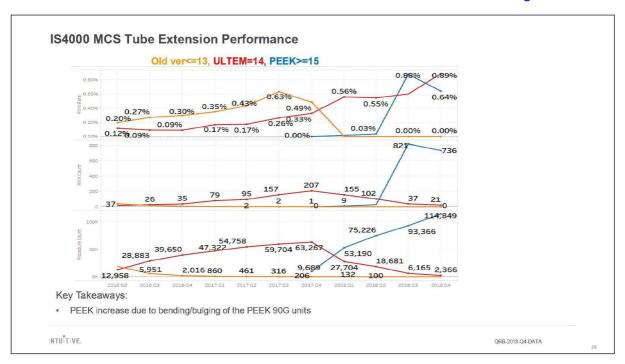








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